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Outlet shopping village and e-sports plan at Leisure Park

By Eva Astreinidou

MANY more exciting new attractions could be coming to Basingstoke as a £300million plan to transform the town's Leisure Park moves a step closer to becoming a reality.

The project would create more than 2,000 jobs and would mean leisure attractions in the area would almost double, with a new Aquadrome and a designer village included in the plans.

Details of how the phased development will be delivered were agreed last week after complex negotiations between proposed development partner NewRiver REIT Plc and Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council.

The next stage will be signing a contract to seal the proposals for the 60-acre park in Euskirchen Way.

Cabinet member for finance, service delivery and improvement Councillor Robert Tate said: "We want the people of the borough to have access to the best leisure facilities available. This is an exciting new project on a national scale. A new designer village not currently available within 30 or 40 miles, would also be included.

"The funding for the development, including a new £23million Aquadrome, will be provided at no cost to the council, and is all coming from the private sector with no public money invested.

"This will be a major destination of choice in the south of England contributing to the long-term vision of



Basingstoke as a premier town in the region."

In a report, Cllr Tate recommended that legal signing goes ahead so that work can move forward on drawing up a planning application including discussions with potential occupiers, and wider technical work and extensive community engagement to help shape the proposals.

Outline plans will dramatically enhance the existing leisure park, creating 500,000 sq ft of leisure facilities, to include experiences for families and state-of-the-art virtual reality e-sports.

In addition, a 200,000 sq ft upmarket designer outlet village is also planned, focusing on designer brands at affordable prices.

The Milestones Museum would remain a part of the leisure park, with NewRiver working closely with the museum.

It is anticipated that work would start on the new leisure park from 2025, subject to planning permission.



Feeling the force

Most of these visitors travelled just a few miles rather than from a galaxy far, far away to meet the Stormtroopers and Darth Vader at an exhibition at Basingstoke's Willis Museum. See page 3 for more

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Celebrate talent of youth at all-round variety show

By Eva Astreinidou

A STAPLE in Basingstoke's calendar is returning next month for the 26th year running.

Basingstoke Gang Show will be back at The Haymarket from February 8 to 17, showcasing the entertainment talents of 68 young performers from scout groups.

Steve Edney, who will be chairing the event for the 24th time after six months of rehearsals, said the show will feature something for everyone this year.

He said: "This year's cast have been working hard to bring their very best to the stage in February, and I couldn't be more proud of each and every one of them."

"This year's show offers something for everyone, music from the 1940's to today, comedy to make you laugh out loud and dancing that you will want to join in with. So if you want to celebrate the talents of Basingstoke's youth, then this is the show for you."

The show will feature more than 600 costumes to be used in 19 different numbers.

Kirsty Thomas, the show's producer, said: "We enjoy the creative challenge to interpret the produc-



tion team's vision for each number and then make, adjust, or buy the costumes so we can dazzle the audience in our variety show. There are 10 people who volunteered to create these costumes and we have been making them every Friday night, all day Sunday as the cast rehearse and during the evenings all week for the last six months."

Alex Morris, the show's assistant producer, said: "Basingstoke Gang Show [is] an outstanding experience allowing young people to grow and form friendships that they will share

for a life time. The diverse ideas and colourful content becomes more extravagant every show and for us to be on our 26th instalment is truly phenomenal. Basingstoke holds the Gang Show right at its heart and so do I."

The Gang Show is recognised as the best-selling and longest running 'family variety show' in the region.

This year's show is supporting charity Muffins Dream, which works with families who have a child or young adult with a disability or illness.

To book visit www.anvilarts.org.uk.

£7.5m boost for business at Basing View

BASINGSTOKE'S central business district is set to receive a £7.5million investment boost.

The funding from the Enterprise M3 local enterprise partnership was awarded to help pay for the transformation of Basing View.

As part of Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council's work to revitalise Basing View, the LEP funding, which has been agreed in principle, will drive the preparation works needed before development of various sites

including a 153-bedroom hotel to be built by Village Hotels.

The new business-class hotel will bring with it 185 construction jobs and 100 permanent jobs.

The funding will also kick-start the development of new Grade A office buildings on the site adjacent to the new Florence Building.

Cllr John Izett, cabinet member for property and development, said: "I am delighted that our LEP partners are recognising the opportunities that

are deliverable at Basing View. We will put this to good use in bringing forward the proposed new hotel and office developments that will provide new amenities to the people working at Basing View and better, more modern space for them to work from."

Enterprise M3 board member Nick Elphick said: "Businesses need an environment where they can grow and prosper, and we are excited by what Basing View will be able to offer them."

InBrief

New 10k challenge

A NEW 10k charity race is to be held in Whitechurch this year.

The Whitechurch 10k will take place on March 4, and despite its name will feature both a 5k and 10k route.

The event will raise money for Naomi House and Jacksplace.

The route starts and finishes at Testbourne Community School, and is mostly flat, making it more accessible to runners of all levels.

The route will follow Micheldever Road to the Recreation Ground, before going back around Whitechurch Primary School, the River Test, the Hangings and then through to Micheldever Road before going back around the playing fields of Testbourne Community School.

Entry fees range from £10 to £15.

For more information and to sign up, visit whitechurch10k.co.uk.

Motorcyclist hurt

A 21-year-old motorcyclist was left with serious injuries following a collision with a car.

The collision involved a motorbike and a white Fiat 500 in Odiham Road, Winchfield, Hook at 8.15am on Wednesday last week.

The motorcyclist from North Warnborough, suffered serious injuries and was taken to St George's Hospital, Tooting.

No one else suffered any injuries as a result of the collision.

Officers would like to hear from anyone who witnessed the crash or may have any information about the circumstances of the incident.

If you can help, call 101 quoting 44180011935.

Burns celebration

A SPECIAL event will be held at Tadley Library to celebrate Burns night.

Burns' Suppers expert Bill Copland will host a presentation about the life of Burns, including recitations, on January 24 from 7.30pm.

Tickets are £6.

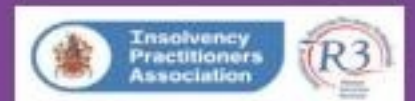
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Drink and drug driving arrests rise 12 per cent

By Eva Astreinidou

A CRACKDOWN on drink and drug driving over the Christmas period led to a total of more than 250 arrests in Hampshire.

Figures from Operation Holly show a 12.6 per cent increase from last year in the number of drivers caught under the influence.

In total, 254 drivers were caught with alcohol or drugs in their system, in contrast to last year's total figure of 222.

The campaign, launched throughout Hampshire and Thames Valley, led to 601 arrests overall.

The operation saw a further 352 charged and a further 175 released under further investigation.

Sergeant Rob Heard from the Roads Policing Joint Operations Unit, said: "Our commitment in roads policing is unwavering towards preventing the distress and misery caused by driving under the influence of drink or drugs.

"Such behaviour on our roads has far-reaching effects not just for the impaired driver, but for any innocent road users affected by their destruc-

tive decisions.

"The lives of individuals and their families can be torn apart through a combination of physical, psychological and legal consequences.

"Too many people continue to be complacent about the realities of road deaths and serious injuries. That's why we want everyone to be clear about their responsibilities, and have respect for each other on the road.

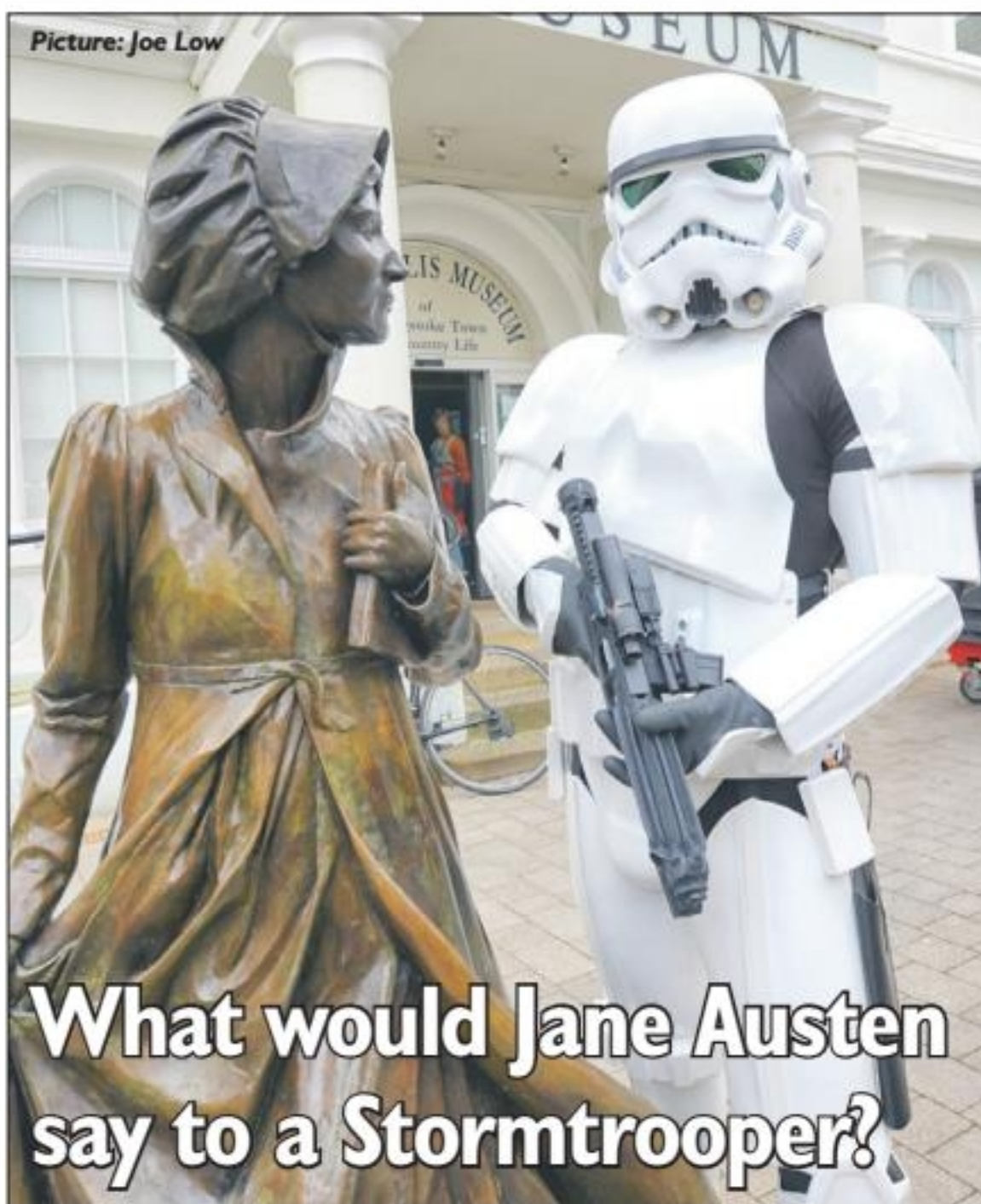
"Our message is simple - don't mix drink or drugs with driving - it's not worth the risk."

The operation ran for a month from December 1 2017 throughout Hampshire and Thames Valley and was a combination of high visibility patrols, covert operations and intelligence-led policing aimed at targeting persistent offenders and drink and drug drivers.

In Thames Valley, 347 drivers were caught driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, which is an 8.93 per cent increase from last year's total of 316.

More than three quarters of those drivers arrested were male, with the highest offending age group across the two force regions aged 21 to 30 - more than any other age group.

Picture: Joe Low



BASINGSTOKE welcomed visitors from a galaxy far, far away for the opening of an unmissable exhibition.

One of the UK's finest collections of vintage Star Wars toys and original cinema posters, May the Toys Be With You will run at the Willis Museum until April 14.

Star Wars fans can enjoy displays featuring everything from X-Wing fighters to lightsabers.

A spokesperson said: "These fantastical designs became the playthings of a generation, and have fired our imaginations and stamped their place on our cultural landscape since the first film was released 40 years ago.

"For little and big kids alike, this is a not-to-be-missed opportunity to view rarely seen and highly collectable Star Wars treasures."

Boy 'forced' to hand over bike

TWO teenagers forced a 16-year-old boy to hand over his mountain bike in Chineham.

Police are now asking the public for their help in tracking down the offenders.

The victim was cycling on a footpath between Crockford Lane and Reading Road when he was approached by two males.

They told him to give them the bike. They then nudged him before the boy handed the bike to them.



The first male is described as white, aged 16 to 17 years old, around 5ft 7ins tall, of slim build. He had a hood up and was wearing a black Puffa-style jacket, black gloves, black jeans and black trainers.

The second male is described as white, of a similar age to the first male, around 6ft tall, of medium build. He was wearing a black Nike top, black jeans and dark trainers.

The bike is described as a blue and green Carrera Hellcat 15 limited edition men's mountain bike.

If you can help, call 101 quoting reference 44180002040.

Teacher sexually abused boys at prep school

A TEACHER has been jailed for 12 years for abusing boys at two boarding schools, one in Hampshire.

Ian Atkinson, 59, taught at St Neots Preparatory School in Eversley, and was convicted of eight charges of indecent assault and a charge of indecency with a child.

The charges related to two boys aged under 14 at the school in Hampshire and Ripon Cathedral Choir School in Yorkshire.

He was also convicted of downloading indecent images of children.

Atkinson, formerly of Staveley,

Ripon, had sexually abused one boy while he worked as a history teacher and boarding master at the choir school, which closed in 2012, in the early 2000s.

The police inquiry also revealed Atkinson had committed similar offences against another boy whilst teaching at the boarding school in Hook in the early 1990s.

In addition to the jail term Judge David Hatton ordered Atkinson to register as a sex offender for life and to be made subject of an indefinite sexual harm prevention order.



Ian Atkinson has been jailed for 12 years

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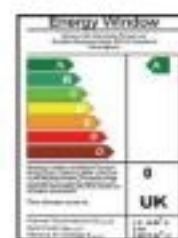
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Customers enjoying the wipeout zone at Flip Out Basingstoke's opening weekend

THOUSANDS of people enjoyed what promises to be the 'ultimate entertainment destination' at its opening at the weekend.

Mayor of Basingstoke, Councillor Paul Frankum cut the ribbon at the £2million Flip Out Basingstoke in Festival Place Shopping Centre.

The 25,000sq ft trampoline and adventure park boasts 30ft tall cyber towers, 25ft high super slides, battle beams, climbing walls, a wipeout zone, laser maze

and a NinjaTAG area.

John Rickards, Flip Out general manager said: "Our opening day has been a huge success with thousands coming along to join in the fun."

"With the exciting addition of NinjaTAG, we feel Flip Out Basingstoke is the ultimate entertainment destination and much more than a trampoline park."

Cllr Frankum said: "I'm thrilled to have been invited to officially

open Flip Out Basingstoke.

"It was wonderful to see so many people of all ages having fun."

Steven Connolly, centre director for Festival Place Basingstoke, said: "It's exciting to be further adding to our leisure offering, to make the centre a more varied and fun place to visit."

Flip Out Basingstoke is open from 9am to 10pm Monday to Saturday and 9am to 9pm on Sundays.

Proposed increase to meals on wheels cost

By Eva Astreinidou

PEOPLE using meals on wheels could be paying an extra 12p per day from October.

With the proposed changes, each customer would have to pay £4.67 for a two-course lunchtime meal and £5.67 for a three-course meal, up from the current £4.55 and £5.55.

Hampshire County Council says this takes into account inflation and a forecasted increase in service users, while there are plans to also extend the service to include a number of younger adults who also need support.

A Hampshire County Council spokesperson said: "Hampshire County Council is committed to continuing to provide meals on

wheels for people who, through disability or frailty, are unable to prepare or cook their own food - as we know how important good nutrition is to good health. The proposed price increase of 12 pence per two course hot meal to take into account inflation would reflect our wish to ensure meals on wheels remains an affordable option for vulnerable Hampshire residents, while helping us to meet the cost of maintaining the service."

On average there are 1,770 active customers aged 55 and over who receive meals on wheels between one and seven days a week - nearly 35,000 lunchtime meals are delivered each month.

The service, offered by provider Apetito, primarily delivers hot

lunchtime meals but drivers are also trained to carry out a wellbeing check in addition to delivering the meal.

The report says an option is to allow the current contract to expire - but, it adds, it would mean the council would have no control over quality and there would be no guarantee those eligible would be served. Under the new contract, the service would run on the basis of a three-year initial term plus extensions totalling no more than two years. The value of the contract for which approval is being sought, is estimated at £2.8m. The total contract value for up to the five years would be up to £16.4m.

The county council were due to discuss the matter last night.

InBrief

Gift of thanks for saving his home

AN 85-year-old man whose house was saved from potentially severe damage has donated £1,100 to The Fire Fighters Charity.

On January 3, following heavy rain and strong winds, Basingstoke firefighters received a call to an incident involving a dangerous structure in South Ham.

On arrival crews found a large part of the roof ridge had been blown out and was hanging in the air, leaving the elderly man's property vulnerable to water damage. The crews worked to make the structure safe and assisted the

property owner, Mr Jack, to make his roof weather tight.

To show his appreciation of the work carried out by crews on the scene, Mr Jack decided to make the donation to the charity. The cheque was recently presented to White Watch at the fire station.

Mr Jack said: "The amount I was able to donate to the charity was insignificant compared to the misery I would have suffered had I lost my home to the rain."

Celebrate 50 and 60 happy years

COUPLES in Basingstoke and Deane who are celebrating golden and diamond wedding anniversa-

ries are invited to special afternoon tea parties.

Mayor Paul Frankum is appealing to couples to get in touch by January 31 to make the most of their celebrations and ensure they receive an invitation.

Celebration tea parties will be held on February 26 and 27 for couples whose golden or diamond anniversary falls between May 12 2017 and May 10 2018.

The special reception will be held at Basingstoke College of Technology at 3pm on both days.

Tea and cakes will be served and a raffle will be held.

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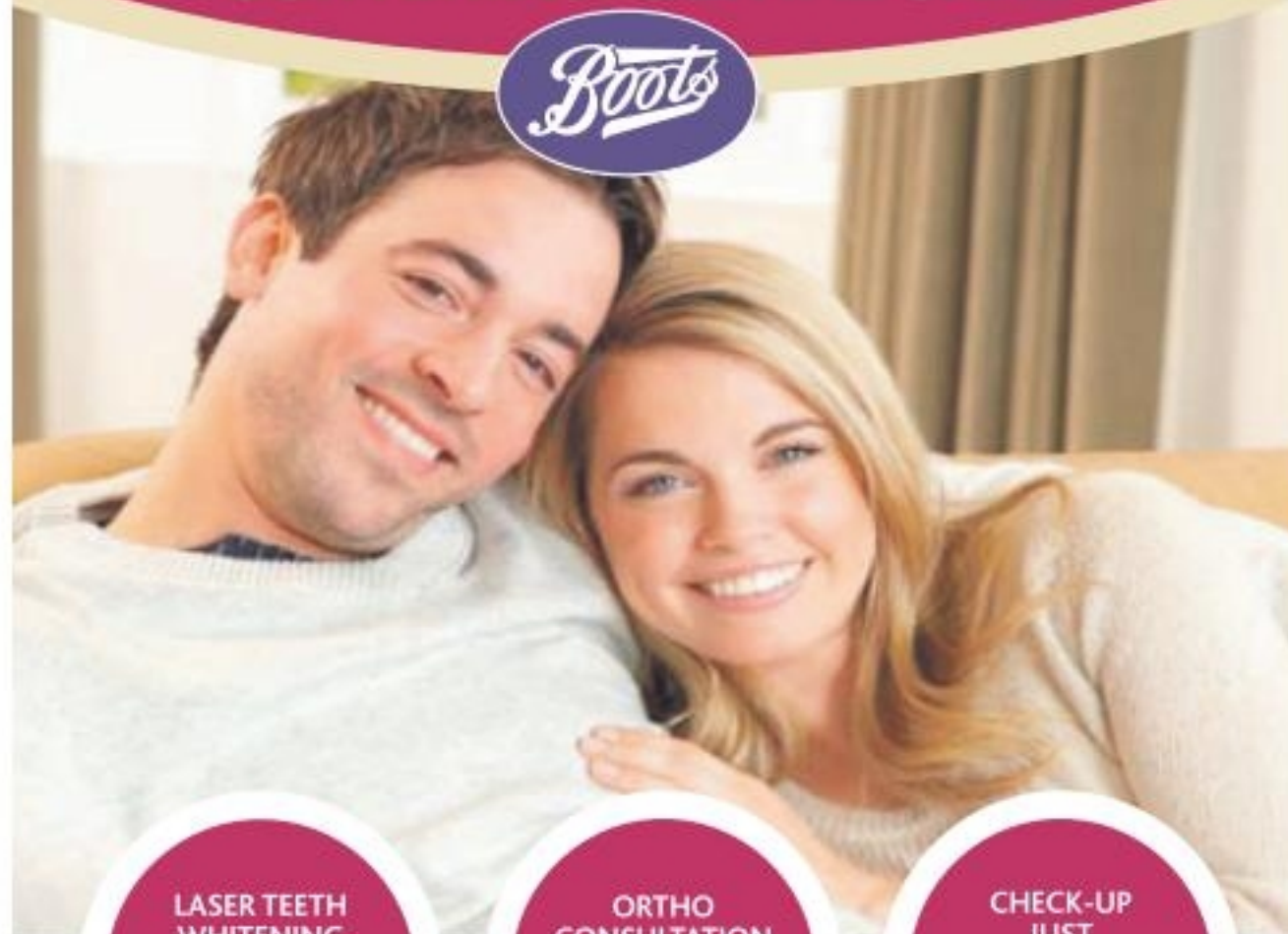
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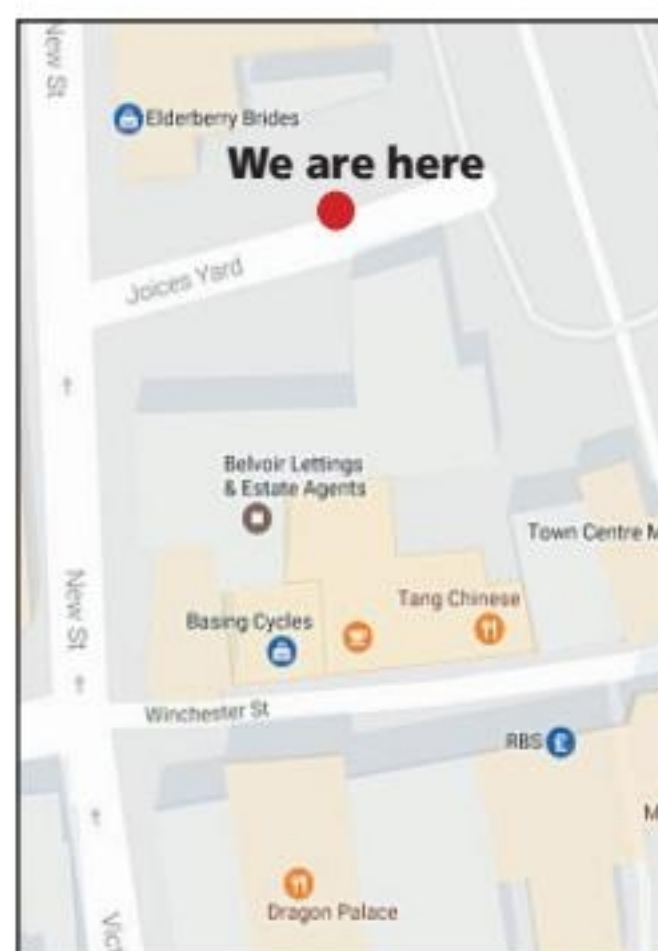
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Peter Pan flies in with funds

THE Anvil's Peter Pan pantomime has helped raise more than £6,600 for a local charity that supports families of seriously ill and disabled children.

Supporters and volunteers of Sebastian's Action Trust collected generous donations after each performance, raising the impressive amount to help carry out vital projects.

The cast also visited Bluebells, the Trust's house in North Waltham, with mascot Nana the dog being a great hit with the children.

The residence provides respite for children and their families affected by serious and life-threatening illness and disabilities.

Speaking after the fundraising success, Hannah Bowler, fundrais-

ing manager at Sebastian's Action Trust, said: "This is a fantastic sum of money which will allow us to offer emotional, practical and social support to the growing number of families of seriously-ill children facing the most challenging of times."

"We are so grateful to all at the Anvil, the cast and crew of Peter Pan and the audience for supporting us so generously."

The money raised will go towards supporting families of seriously ill children.

This comes as the charity unveiled a state-of-the-art cinema at their home at The Bluebells last month, with the aim of 'adding life to days' in spite of an uncertain future for the children.



Focussing on frailty at any age

FRAILITY is an issue that affects people young and old, according to a local health body.

A campaign backed by the NHS called Frailty Focus has launched in Hampshire, with a view to raise awareness and help vulnerable members of the community.

With the population set to increase both in size and age over the coming years, the numbers of people recognized to be living with frailty are also expected to escalate, according to the North Hampshire clinical commissioning group.

The group say that people are affected by the condition after being unable to 'bounce back' from an illness, an accident or any other stressful event, which in turn puts them at risk of losing their independence and can bring on unplanned hospital admissions.

Dr Nicola Decker, a GP and clinical chair at the North Hampshire CCG, said: "Frailty is more common than we realise. This campaign brings people together in a positive way, so that people affected by frailty can have confidence that there is hope and support for them and their families. Working together they can, and should, stay in charge of their lives and their choices."

To find out more and to watch the campaign video, visit <http://www.frailtyfocus.nhs.uk/>.

Inquiry into sexual harassment

By Eva Astreimidou

A COMMITTEE led by Basingstoke's MP will open an inquiry into the 'routine' sexual harassment of women and girls in public places.

Maria Miller and a group of MPs will shine the light on the issue amid concern that not enough attention is paid to stopping catcalling, groping and offensive behaviour.

As chair of the Women and Equalities Committee, Mrs Miller is hoping the inquiry will help find solutions to rooting out everyday harassment on public transport, in the street, and in shops and bars.

The inquiry will also examine how police, local authorities and other bodies can prevent such behaviour.

This comes after allegations of abuse and inappropriate behaviour emerged from Hollywood, Westminster and other areas of public life in the last year.

She said: "We know that sexual harassment can be experienced by anyone, but the evidence shows that it is overwhelmingly a problem that is perpetrated by men and boys against women and girls and forms part of the wider inequalities that women and girls experience, which is why we are focusing on this."

According to a YouGov survey in 2016, around 85 per cent of women aged 18 to 24 years old have experienced unwanted sexual attention in public places, of which 45 per cent experience unwanted sexual touching.

Reported sexual offences on trains have more than doubled in the past five years to 1,448 offences in 2016-17, up from 650 in 2012-2013.

Mrs Miller added: "Women and girls are harassed on buses, trains, in the street and in bars and clubs. We are putting a spotlight on a problem that seems to be so routine in women's lives, and yet has received very little attention in public policy."

"We want to find out why it happens, what the Government is doing to root it out, and what more can be done."

The MP has spoken out in the past about her own experiences of sexual harassment, which she said occurred several times throughout her life.

The probe comes after women at the centre of the Westminster sexual harassment scandal said they lacked confidence that political parties would do enough to rid Parliament of abuse.

An earlier inquiry by the committee also revealed children as young as six were suffering sexual violence at school, with some forced to share classrooms with their attackers.

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The Royal Corps of Drums will play with the Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines

Royal Marines band set to entertain

A HIGHLIGHT of the Basingstoke calendar returns this month, and there is still time to grab a ticket and help raise funds for a good cause.

The Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines will play their way through an impressive and wide-ranging repertoire for charity at The Anvil on January 28.

All profits from this year's concert will go to charities supported by Basingstoke Deane Rotary

Club, including Help for Heroes and Ark Cancer Centre Charity, which is raising £5million to pay for a new cancer treatment centre in Basingstoke.

As well as the Band, the concert will feature The Royal Corps of Drums and an appearance by The Chelsea Pensioners.

Basingstoke Deane Rotary Club President Lindy Richardson said: "This concert is always a very special event for

Basingstoke. The music will be superb, and the atmosphere will be exhilarating and unashamedly patriotic."

This will be the 10th annual charity concert organised by Basingstoke Deane Rotary.

In recent years, each concert has raised more than £15,000 for good causes.

Tickets can be purchased by calling 01256 844244 or online at anvilarts.org.uk.

Expanded school could take another 210 pupils

By Eva Astreinidou

A BASINGSTOKE primary school could be getting a massive revamp following plans for a two-storey building with eight classrooms.

Castle Hill Primary School Rooksdown Campus will be able to accommodate up to 210 extra pupils if plans get the go ahead.

The new building would be linked to the main building by a covered walkway.

A statement submitted with the application reads: "The need to expand the school has emerged in response to the establishment of 585 new homes on the Park Prewett site."

"Hampshire County Council children's services department, in its role as local education authority, has forecast pupil numbers in the area and established the need for expansion at Castle Hill Primary School."

It is proposed that the expansion project is completed in one phase, with key project works being programmed and undertaken during



The expansion plan for Castle Hill

the school summer holiday period to remove disruption to school activities.

As set out in the application, the design will take its cues from the existing building in Park Prewett Road to harmoniously 'extend' the character and activities.

Hard and soft landscaping around the grounds, additional car parking, emergency vehicle access and enhancements to play areas are also proposed.

Hampshire spent £6.9m on building the school, which was officially opened in September 2015.

The new school was part of the county's commitment to £149million planned investment to build new schools and expand others to create an additional 8,000 primary school places in the area over three years.

Construction firm Osborne would carry out the work, if the plan gets the go-ahead.

A public consultation on the plans will run until January 26.

To comment on or view the plans, go to planning.hants.gov.uk and search using the code 17/04248/CC3.

Managerial and admin roles to go at AA

AROUND 50 jobs could be lost at the AA headquarters in Basingstoke.

An internal message sent to staff in the company, based at Basing View, confirmed details of a restructuring.

The motoring organisation, which is based in Fanum House, could be cutting management and administrative roles but is not set to reduce frontline staff.

The AA said it will be consulting on its plans until February 24.

Simon Breakwell, AA chief executive, said: "We believe we can make our business more efficient by concentrating our resources where they are most needed by our customers - on the front line."

"Hence we are looking to streamline some head office management roles by focusing them further on our core priorities, reducing duplication and automating processes."

He said the consultation period will allow them to work with the union the IDU, management

forum and employees to find the best solution for customers and the business.

GMB regional officer Paul Grafton said: "[We believe] the reduction in the numbers of managers and administration staff will impact on the quality of the service and leave problems that should be dealt with unresolved."

"All these cuts are a direct result of the unsustainable levels of debt left by the previous private equity owners."

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Manydown: more consultation

By Eva Astreinidou

PLANS to build up to 3,520 new homes in Manydown will undergo yet more consultation following feedback from the public.

The original proposals have been altered in response to comments from the community and the Highways Authority and now include an access junction from the A339 and from the B3400 Worting Road, as well as changes to the height of buildings in sensitive areas around the edge of Worting Conservation Area.

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council's cabinet member responsible for Manydown, Councillor John Izett said: "This is another milestone on our journey to build one of the best designed and thought out new housing developments in the UK.

"Before we even submitted the outline planning application, we received many good ideas from residents over 18 months of engagement and consultation."

The outline planning application was submitted in March 2017 by Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council and Hampshire County Council, as the joint landowners.

The application is for 3,200 homes, up to a maximum of 3,520 homes.

This figure has been tested in technical studies, looking at environmental and traffic aspects, to ensure the best use is made of the greenfield site and that the infrastructure is suitable for the maximum number of homes.

The outline application sets out the main principles for developing the homes, businesses, shops and community facilities, two local centres, two primary schools and land for a secondary school, parks, children's play facilities, sports pitches, allotments and a 250-acre country park.

Leader of Hampshire County Council Councillor Roy Perry said: "We are committed to creating a sustainable community which will reflect the great character of Hampshire



Artist's impression of the how Manydown could look

as a place to live, work and thrive – offering high quality homes for local people, with access to good transport, schools and community facilities.

"As a joint landowner, we've lis-

tened to feedback and adapted our plans, including making adjustments to highway access."

To view the changes, visit www.manydownbasingstoke.co.uk.

Hundreds give backing to air pollution reduction measures

A PETITION urging Basingstoke officials to take measures to reduce air pollution in the area has gained the support of nearly 200 people.

The petition calls for the council to expand the monitoring of air pollution levels, develop a clear plan for cleaning up air in the area, and assess the impact of all new developments before

they are granted planning permission.

It was launched after a report was produced warning that nitrogen dioxide levels on some roads are above legally safe levels.

In response, cabinet member for regulatory services and the environment Councillor Hayley Eachus said: "The BTN (Basingstoke Transition

Network) monitoring was only carried out for one month at roadside locations where reading will be higher. This type of monitoring should be carried out for a minimum period of six months and the air quality standards apply at locations where the public would be exposed for long periods of time.

"We recognise there are areas that

can be improved on. As a borough council we have no powers to implement changes to the road network that could assist with air quality issues although we work closely with the county council who have this responsibility."

She said they are keen to work with BTN and had already held discussions with them.

InBrief

Grooming arrest

A 55 year-old man has been arrested on suspicion of attempting to meet a child for sexual grooming.

The man from Basingstoke was arrested after reports he was planning to meet a 14-year-old girl.

Police were called to an address in Western Way following a call from a member of the public at 1.15pm on December 13.

The man has been released from police custody but remains under investigation.

Sign up for half

WHETHER you are a long-time runner and wanting to improve your times or looking to take your first tentative steps, why not run the Basingstoke Half Marathon this year.

Entries are now open for the event on October 7, rated as one of the top 10 half marathons in the UK.

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For more information go to <https://tinyurl.com/y8vtazx7>.

Help-to-buy tips

FIRST-TIME buyers and people wanting to move up the property ladder are invited to find out more at a free Help-to-Buy event at the Basingstoke and Deane Civic Offices.

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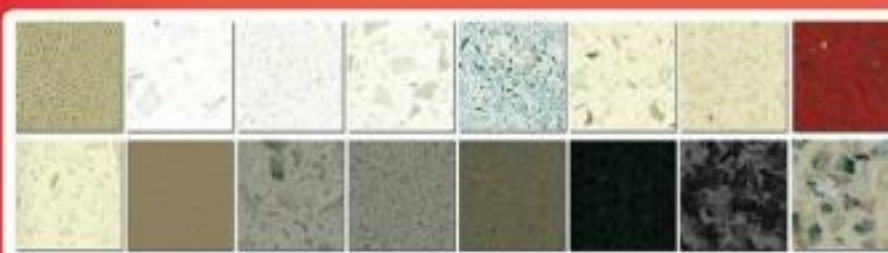
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By Romans Group

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Michael Cook, Managing Director of Lettings at Romans explains: "2017 showed steady demand from tenants throughout, with August being a new record for tenant move in's. Average rents rose steadily and although some market places remained flat, most of our locations demonstrated growth of between 1.0 - 2.5%. Couple this with the slightly reduced capital values in some locations, those who purchased at the

right time, in the right area are likely to have benefitted from increased yields.

"My predictions for this year are; whilst there will be some uncertainty, not least caused by the continuing Brexit negotiations, we are fairly certain that tenant demand will remain strong, and there will remain an underlying demand/supply gap for suitable rental property.

"Returns may not be as buoyant as previous years, with

increased rents of around 1.0-1.5% but, they are returns none the less. Tenants will benefit from an improved financial position with a

slower rate of rent inflation and the introduction of legislation to regulate the industry, which we have been campaigning for as members

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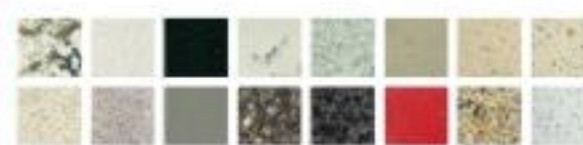
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A cold tale to warm your heart

By Josh Cox

THE Russian State Ballet will be bringing their adaptation of *The Snow Maiden* to The Anvil in February.

Protected from the outside world by Father Frost, the exquisite *Snow Maiden* plays innocently among the dancing snowflakes in the enchanted Land of Frost.

Based on a traditional folk tale, set in the snow covered landscape of rural Russia, this seasonal sparkler follows the *Snow Maiden* as she dances into the human world.

Captivated by the colourful village and the people who live there, she ventures too far and is swept up by feelings of love, temptation and betrayal. When finally she surrenders herself completely and warms to love, her heart melts in a tragic embrace.

Formed in 1981, the Russian State Ballet of Siberia has quickly established itself as one of Russia's leading ballet companies and has built an international reputation for delivering performances of outstanding quality and unusual depth.

The soloists and corps de ballet never fail to delight audiences with their breath-taking physical ability.

With more than 40 dancers and 30 musicians, for the 2018 season, the company will merge traditional



and digital worlds with an imaginative staging set against a changing backdrop with magical special effects.

Artistic director Sergei Bobrov said: "It is always a pleasure to bring the unique traditions of Russian ballet to British audiences. Touring

across the UK with a full company of dancers as well as highly skilled musicians is always exciting, for me, it is very special to have the power of a symphony orchestra bringing the choreography to life on stage."

The *Snow Maiden* opens at The

Anvil on February 1 at 7.30pm.

Tickets range from £34 to £41.50; over 65s and full-time students receive £3 off, under 16s tickets are £19.

For more information or to book, call the Anvil Arts box office on 01256 844244 or visit anvilarts.org.uk.

Rock DJ

A popular Robbie Williams tribute act will be playing at The Academy in Basingstoke on Saturday January 27 from 7pm.

Back by demand, the tribute act will be taking the audience through all of Robbie's greatest hits with a DJ playing afterwards till late.

Tickets are £10 in advance or £12 on the night with last entry at 10pm.

Covering it up

Pop and rock duo 2Tanium will be gigging at Crookham Street Social Club in Crookham Village this Saturday.

The two will be playing a mix of covers spanning the 60s, 70s and 80s. The gig starts at 8.30pm with the entry fee to be decided.

Royal Marines band

The Rotary Club of Basingstoke Deane's 10th Annual Charity Concert will feature The Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines at The Anvil on January 28.

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Lucky to enjoy a musical maestro

By Josh Cox

MUSICAL maestro Lucky Peterson pays tribute to Jimmy Smith in his new show touring this year.

At the start of his career, Lucky Peterson was discovered by blues star Willie Dixon when he was three years old, released his first record at five and soon after appeared on The Tonight Show. Trained by keyboard players Bill Doggett and Jimmy Smith, Peterson went on to play behind Little Milton, Bobby "Blue" Bland and Kenny Neal.

His music often features the accompaniment of the Hammond B-3 organ, his favourite instrument whose warm tone refers to the songs of gospel and the hymns of soul music.

Maintaining a rigorous tour schedule across the world, Lucky is a master of jazz and blues, as in the old days of the vinyls of Blue Note. Peterson channels Jimmy Smith perfectly, paying the greatest respect to his lasting memory.

Jimmy Smith wasn't the first organ player on the jazz scene, but no one had a greater influ-

ence with the instrument than him.

Smith created a rich tone from the organ, and his sound and style made him a top instrumentalist in the 50s and 60s; a number of rock and R&B keyboardists would learn valuable lessons from Smith's example.

Smith recorded more than 30 albums for Blue Note between 1956 and 1963, collaborating with producers Kenny Burrell, Stanley Turrentine, and Jackie McLean.

Throughout the 70s and 80s Smith continued with his success releasing more albums and was also invited to play on Michael Jackson's album *Bad*.

Lucky Peterson will be performing his tribute to Jimmy Smith at The Haymarket on Saturday 27 January at 7.30pm. Tickets to the show cost £22.

For more information or to book tickets, call the Anvil Arts box office on 01256 844244 or visit anvilarts.org.uk.

Lucky Peterson brings his new show to The Anvil later this month
Picture: Jean Marc Lubrano



Feeling blue?

Bluehayz will be rocking the night away at the Royal British Legion Club in Alton this January.

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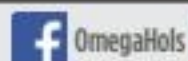
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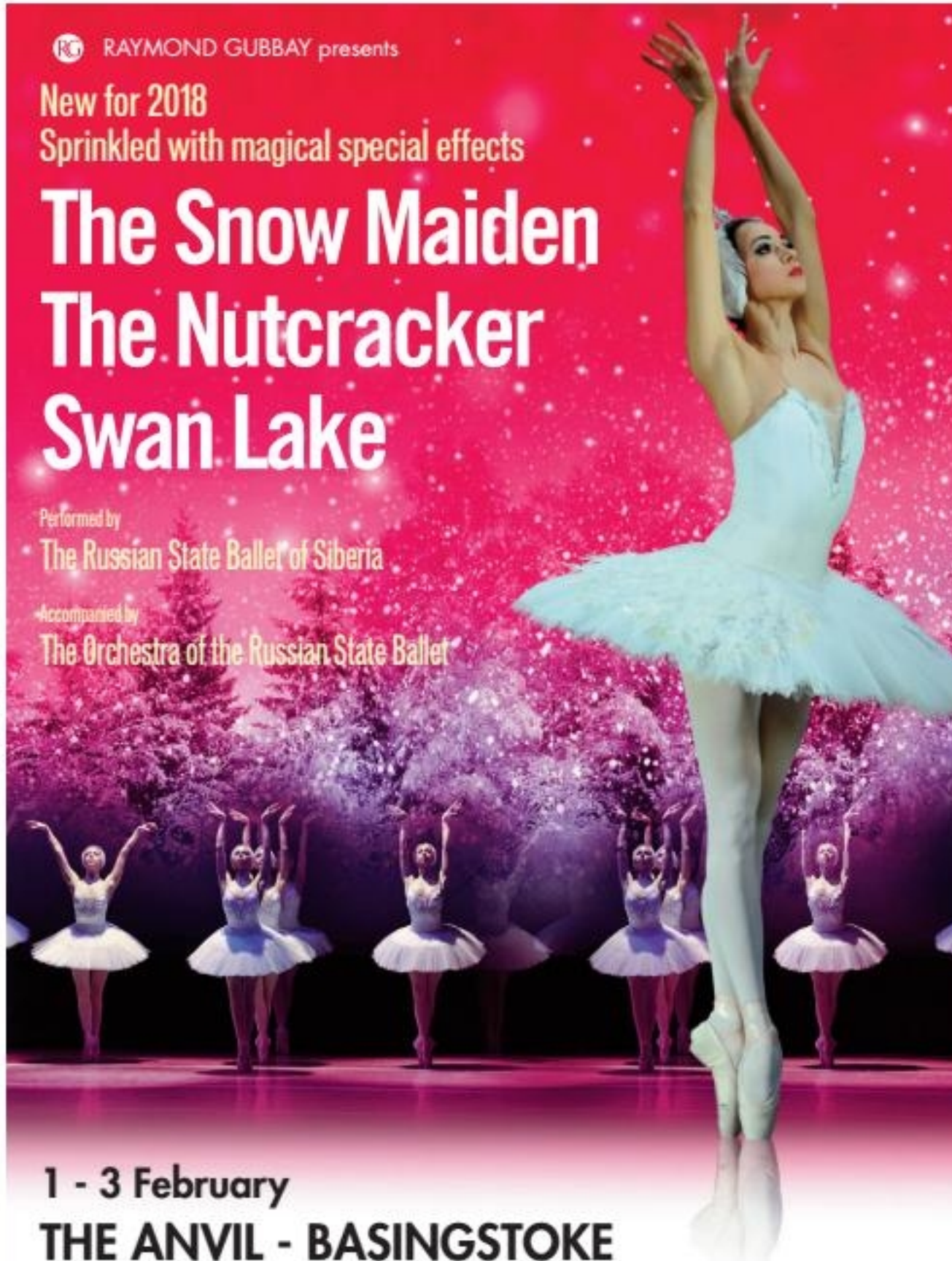
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Any word found in the Concise Oxford Dictionary (Tenth Edition) is eligible with the following exceptions: proper nouns; plural nouns, pronouns and possessives; third person singular verbs; hyphenated words; contractions and abbreviations; vulgar slang words; variant spellings of the same word (where another variant is also eligible).

Spell out a 15-letter word or phrase by moving from one chamber to another within the pyramid. You may only enter each of the chambers once and may only proceed through openings in the walls. The first letter may appear in any chamber.

DC	OA	VT	UE	TM
HR		OR		EI
AI	NW	GA	RO	DT
PF		MU		LI
TS	CO	EP	NI	CE

Here are two miniature five-square crosswords using the same grid – but the letters have been mixed up. You have to work out which letters belong to which crossword.

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	8		8	
8	○	8	○	8
	1		16	

Place the four signs (add, subtract, multiply, divide) one in each circle so that the total of each across and down line is the same.

Perform the first calculation in each line first and ignore the mathematical law which says you should always perform division and multiplication before addition and subtraction.

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2. Enemy east of the Foreign Office (3)
5. Kick off with teenager and old dragon (6)
7. A ship's company is heard to profit (6)
9. The foreign lady takes in lieutenant's film (11)
10. Worn out by eating? (6)
11. Turn right out of long passage for kitchen (6)
13. Prepare for performance by sheep holding 9 Across (4)
16. Demon drink? (6)
18. Mark of honour or discrimination (11)
19. The German general first to discover sex (6)
20. Look upon with favour (6)
21. Use another girl (3)

1. Of course he is a sportsman (6)
2. Compelled to use violence on daughter (6)
3. I grew a ghastly insect (6)
4. Child of five with this French fruit (6)
6. Had too much on? (11)
8. Moaning is simple during Advent (11)
10. Consume some meat pies (3)
12. Still on the other hand (3)
14. Skimpy clothing I send around after you, say (6)
15. New perils coming from pincers (6)
16. Safe from rescue (6)
17. Pay no attention to wrong region (6)

A 31x31 crossword puzzle grid. The grid consists of white squares for letters and black squares for empty space. The numbering is as follows:

- Row 1: 1 (col 2), 2 (col 4), 3 (col 6), 4 (col 8), 5 (col 10), 6 (col 12)
- Row 2: 7 (col 1), 8 (col 10)
- Row 3: 9 (col 4)
- Row 4: 10 (col 1), 11 (col 3), 12 (col 11), 13 (col 12), 14 (col 14)
- Row 5: 15 (col 4), 16 (col 10)
- Row 6: 17 (col 1), 18 (col 8)
- Row 7: 19 (col 1), 20 (col 5), 21 (col 6)
- Row 8: 22 (col 4)
- Row 9: 23 (col 1), 24 (col 2), 25 (col 3), 26 (col 10), 27 (col 14)
- Row 10: 28 (col 3)
- Row 11: 29 (col 1), 30 (col 10)
- Row 12: 31 (col 3)

2. Specialised in a particular subject (7)
7. Mother (4)
8. Askew (4)
9. Tetanus (7)
10. Gateau (4)
12. Tidings (4)
15. Fries (anag.) (5)
17. Innate gift (6)
18. Child (inf.) (6)
19. Rule out (6)
21. Posture (6)

22. Pool of money (5)
23. North Wales resort (4)
26. Waistband (4)
28. Core (7)
29. Shine intensely (4)
30. Back of neck (4)
31. Late (7)

DOWN

1. Information (4)
2. Masculine (4)
3. Short coat (6)
4. Retort (6)
5. Sunrise (4)

6. Forehead (4)
10. Terrace (anag.) (7)
11. Spoilsport (7)
13. Outlay (7)
14. Snake (7)
15. Light meal (5)
16. Half a century (5)
20. Glittery garlands (6)
21. Mean (6)
24. Aperture (4)
25. Obscene (4)
26. Curve (4)
27. Run with long strides (4)

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Competition

WIN tickets to La Traviata at The Anvil!

Opera & Ballet International proudly presents an Ellen Kent production of Verdi's *La Traviata* at The Anvil on Sunday 11 February.

The magnificent production stars the international sopranos Alyona Kistenyova* and Maria HeeJung Kim*, with highly-praised chorus and full orchestra, and is a tragic tale of full of drama, searing passion and memorable music.

Based on a true story that gripped Paris, *La Traviata* tells of the passionate loves and life of the consumptive courtesan, Violetta.

There are many echoes of Verdi's own life in the opera and he threw himself into the music. The score is full of fantastic tunes and highlights include the Brindisi, the best known drinking song in opera, the duet Un Di Felice and Violetta's haunting aria Addio Del Passato.

This magnificent new production for 2018 boasts sumptuous sets and

Closing date: Sunday, February 4

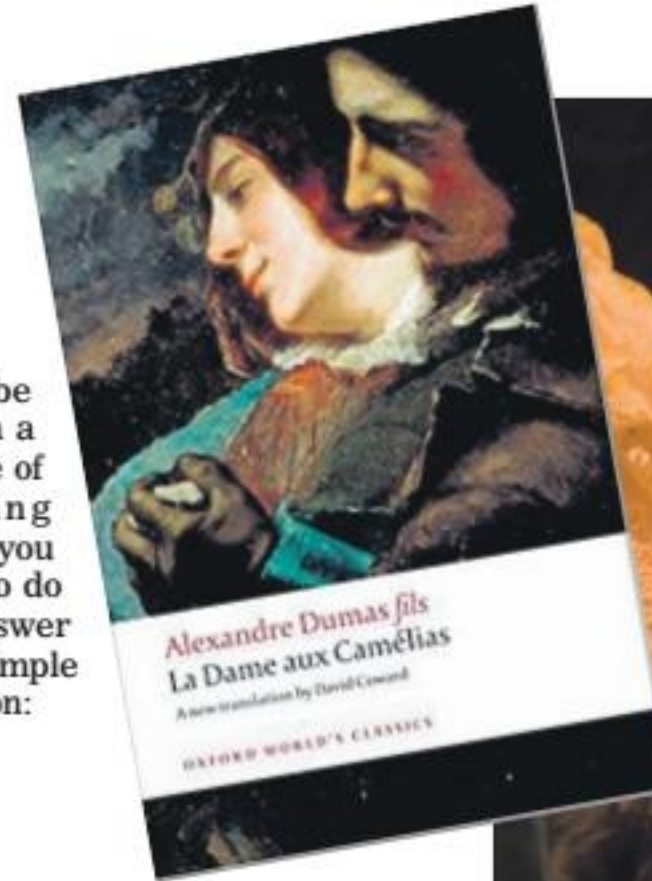
costumes, and is sung in Italian with English surtitles.

Tickets: £38, £34, £30; Over 65s £2 off, under 16s and f/t students £20, £18, £16 (includes £2 booking fee).

Call the box office on 01256 844244 or visit anvilarts.org.uk.

*Cast subject to change

To be in with a chance of winning all you have to do is answer this simple question:



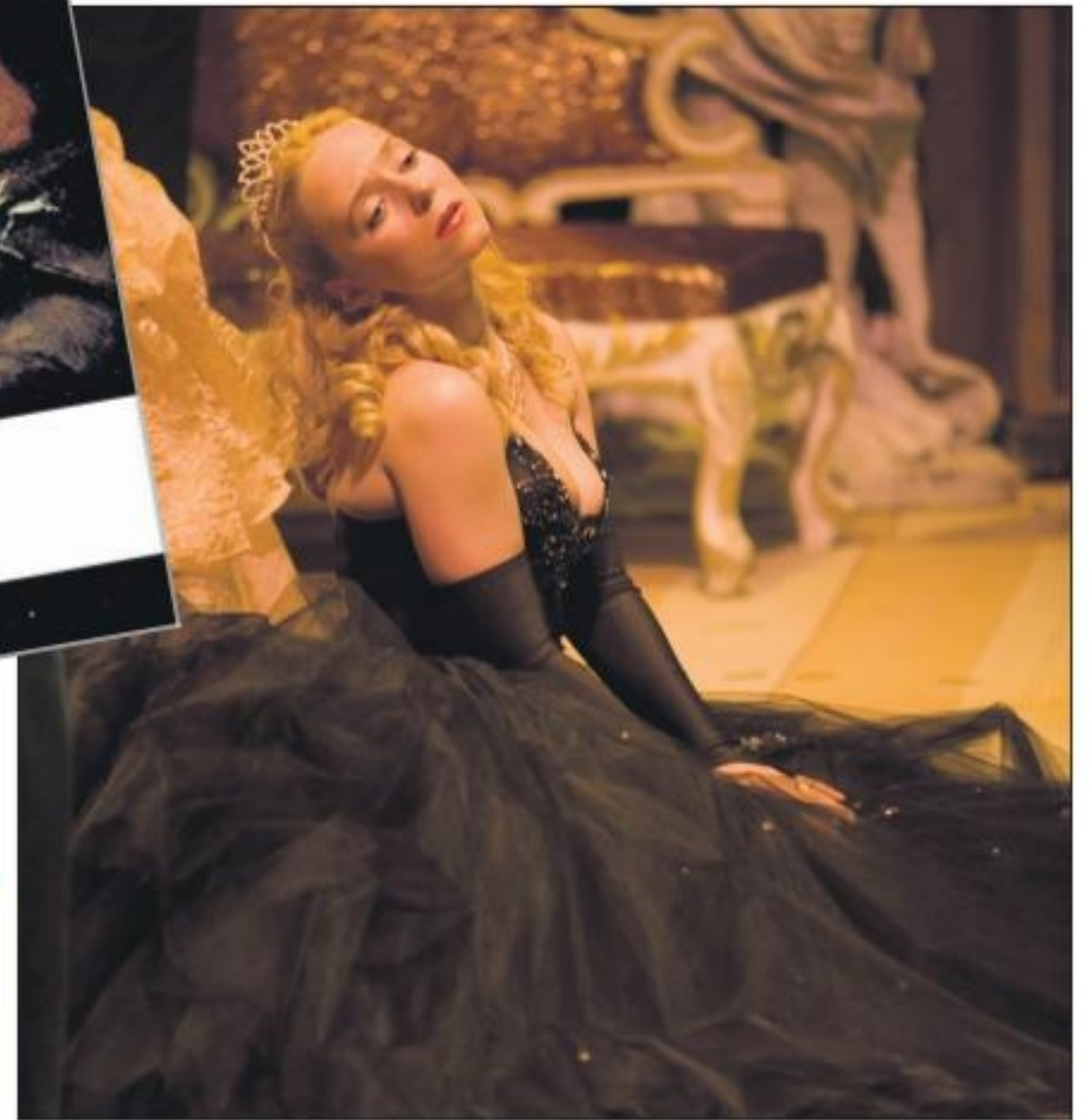
Win tickets!

We have two fantastic prizes for this spectacular evening out. Two readers will get a pair of tickets and a copy of "*La Dame aux Camélias*" by Alexandre Dumas, on which *La Traviata* is based.

Q: In which city is *La Traviata* set?

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WIN Classic tickets!

THE UK's premier classic car show returns to ExCeL London this winter from Thursday 15 to Sunday 18 February where 40,000 classic car enthusiasts are expected to flood through its doors.

Tickets are on sale now from thelondonclassiccarshow.co.uk, with prices starting from just £20.

The London Classic Car Show, now in its fourth year, is the must attend event for all classic car enthusiasts, celebrating the very best of automotive culture and nostalgia. Visitors will be able to experience over 700 classic cars at the show including some of the most legendary 'Getaway cars' from automotive history, used by some of popular culture's most infamous criminals, in one of the show's most hotly anticipated feature areas to date.

The Grand Avenue will make a return this year, paying homage to 'Specials', the limited editions, one-offs and prototypes of unique street and competition cars renowned for their rarity, curiosity and desirability. Visitors will witness some of the world's most genre defining cars cruise down Grand Avenue in a spectacle like no other.

The show will also celebrate the work and career of an unsung hero of

Closing date: Thursday, February 8

British motor racing with the presentation of the Icon Award, marvelling at their triumphs and achievements through the years. This year's icon remains a closely guarded secret and will be announced in the coming weeks.

Teeming with excitement, thrill and inspiration, this unmissable show promises a brilliant day out for the whole family.

WIN TICKETS!

We have ten pairs of Sunday tickets for this fantastic show and to be in with a chance of winning all you have to do is answer this simple question:

Q: One of this year's features is Get Away Cars. What classic motor was used as get away cars in the 1969 film "The Italian Job"?

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Competition

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WIN tickets to "Icons of the 80s" at The Anvil

Entertainers is proud to bring together your favourite eighties artists all on one stage! The latest line-up includes Go West, Nik Kershaw and Cutting Crew together in one unique concert.

The eighties are back and these legendary stars have joined forces for a truly incredible, once in a lifetime, concert experience at Basingstoke's Anvil theatre on February 10th at 7.30pm.

With millions of albums sales and hits like We Close Our Eyes, Call Me, King Of Wishful Thinking, Wouldn't It Be Good, The Riddle, I Won't Let The Sun Go Down On Me, I've Been In Love Before and the classic (I Just) Died In Your Arms, this authentic 80s triple header is not to be missed.

Go West It has been over 30 years since Go West had their first hit single We Close Our Eyes. Other hits followed including Call Me, Goodbye Girl and Don't Look Down, Faithful and the smash hit theme song in the film Pretty Woman King of Wishful Thinking.

Nik Kershaw Nik Kershaw first

Closing date: Friday, February 2

achieved chart success in 1984 with Wouldn't It Be Good?, followed by other classics such as Won't Let the Sun Go Down on Me and The Riddle. A prolific writer for other artists, Nik also penned the number one single The One and Only for Chesney Hawkes.

Cutting Crew Originally formed in the mid-80s, this Grammy nominated, Anglo-Canadian rock band will always be remembered for their classic song (I Just) Died In Your Arms, which helped define the musical sounds of the club scene during the eighties and is still played widely today. Over twenty years later, with millions of album sales, original singer/song-

writer Nick Van Eede has signed new recording publishing deals and is back on the road promoting his awesome new material.

Win tickets!

We have a pair of tickets to this great show at The Anvil and to be in with a chance of winning all you have to do is answer the following simple question:

Q: When did Nik Kershaw first chart with Wouldn't It Be good?

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Friday January 19th

	TOP TV				
	BBC 1	BBC 2	ITV	Channel 4	Channel 5
	9.30pm Mrs. Brown's Boys 	8.30pm A Vicar's Life 	8.00pm River Monsters 	6.00pm The Simpsons 	8.00pm Costa Del Celebrity 
MORNING	9.15am Rip Off Britain 10.00am Homes Under the Hammer 11.00am Wanted Down Under 11.45am Close Calls: On Camera	7.15am Antiques Road Trip 8.00am MasterChef: The Professionals 9.00am Victoria Derbyshire 11.00am BBC Newsroom Live	8.30am Lorraine 9.25am The Jeremy Kyle Show 10.30am This Morning	7.10am Everybody Loves Raymond 8.30am Frasier 10.05am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA 11.00am Sun, Sea and Selling Houses	8.20am Rusty Rivets 8.35am Shimmer and Shine 8.55am Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom 9.05am Mofy 9.15am The Wright Stuff 11.15am GPs: Behind Closed Doors
	12.15pm Bargain Hunt 1.00pm BBC News at One 1.30pm Regional News and Weather 1.45pm Doctors 2.15pm Father Brown 3.00pm Escape to the Country 3.45pm The Farmers' Country Showdown 4.30pm Antiques Road Trip 5.15pm Pointless	12.00pm The Daily Politics 1.00pm Masters Snooker 4.45pm More Creatures Great and Small 5.15pm Flog It!	12.30pm Loose Women 1.30pm ITV Lunchtime News 1.55pm ITV News London 2.00pm Judge Rinder 3.00pm Dickinson's Real Deal 4.00pm Tipping Point 5.00pm The Chase	12.00pm Channel 4 News 12.05pm Couples Come Dine with Me 1.05pm Posh Pawn 2.10pm Countdown 3.00pm Village of the Year 4.00pm A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun 5.00pm Four in a Bed 5.30pm Extreme Cake Makers	12.10pm 5 News Lunchtime 12.15pm The Hotel Inspector 1.15pm Home and Away 1.45pm Neighbours 2.15pm NCIS 3.15pm Shoot to Kill 5.00pm 5 News at 5 5.30pm Neighbours
AFTERNOON	6.00pm BBC News at Six 6.30pm Regional News and Weather 7.00pm The One Show 7.30pm A Question of Sport 8.00pm EastEnders 8.30pm Room 101 9.00pm Would I Lie to You? 9.30pm Mrs. Brown's Boys 10.00pm BBC News at Ten 10.25pm Regional News and Weather 10.35pm The Graham Norton Show 11.25pm Witless 11.55pm Chinese Burn 12.20am Weather for the Week Ahead	6.00pm Eggheads 6.30pm Great British Railway Journeys 7.00pm Masters Snooker 8.00pm Mastermind 8.30pm A Vicar's Life 9.00pm Monty Don's Paradise Gardens 10.00pm QI 10.30pm Newsnight 11.05pm Masters Snooker Highlights 11.55pm Masters Snooker Extra 1.55am Panorama 2.25am Rome Unpacked 3.25am Inside the Factory 4.25am This is BBC Two	6.00pm ITV News London 6.30pm ITV Evening News 7.00pm Emmerdale 7.30pm Coronation Street 8.00pm River Monsters 8.30pm Coronation Street 9.00pm Lethal Weapon 10.00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather 10.30pm ITV News London 10.45pm Through the Keyhole 11.45pm Take Me Out 12.45am Jackpot247 3.00am Alphabetical 3.50am ITV Nightscreen	6.00pm The Simpsons 6.30pm Hollyoaks 7.00pm Channel 4 News 8.00pm Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast 9.00pm 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown 10.00pm Gogglebox 11.20pm First Dates Hotel 12.20am Spring Breakers 2.00am The Simpsons 2.25am The Simpsons 2.50am Kiri 3.45am Grand Designs	6.00pm Home and Away 6.30pm 5 News Tonight 7.00pm The Wine Show 8.00pm Costa Del Celebrity 9.00pm Celebrity Big Brother 10.00pm Will and Grace 10.30pm Celebrity Big Brother 11.00pm Celebrity Big Brother's Bit on the Side 12.00am Super Casino 3.10am Celebrity Big Brother 4.00am Celebrity Big Brother 4.25am Lip Sync Battle UK 4.45am House Doctor
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Saturday January 20th

TOP TV

MORNING

AFTERNOON

EVENING

BBC 1

9.30pm
Hard Sun

6.00am Breakfast
10.00am Saturday Kitchen Live
11.30am Mary Berry Everyday

12.00pm Football Focus
1.00pm BBC News
1.15pm Masters Snooker
4.30pm Final Score
5.30pm BBC News
5.40pm Regional News and Weather
5.50pm And They're Off... for Sport Relief

6.30pm Pointless
7.20pm Wedding Day Winners
8.20pm Casualty
9.10pm BBC News
9.30pm Hard Sun
10.30pm Match of the Day
12.00am The NFL Show
12.30am Papadopoulos and Sons
2.15am Weather for the Week Ahead
2.20am BBC News

BBC 2

6.00pm
Hugh's Wild West

8.00am The Dengineers
8.30am Deadly Top 10
9.00am Robot Wars
10.00am Steve Backshall's Extreme Mountain Challenge
11.00am Snow Wolf Family and Me

12.00pm Hairy Bikers' Mediterranean Adventure
1.00pm A Vicar's Life
1.30pm Back to the Land with Kate Humble
2.30pm Trust Me, I'm a Doctor
3.00pm Tennis
4.30pm Masters Snooker
5.30pm Tom Kerridge's Lose Weight for Good

6.00pm Hugh's Wild West
7.00pm Masters Snooker
10.30pm QI XL
11.15pm Performance Live: I Told My Mum I Was Going on an Re Trip
12.00am Masters Snooker Extra
2.00am This is BBC Two
6.15am A to Z of TV Gardening
6.35am The Instant Gardener

ITV

6.45pm
Take Me Out

8.30am Be Cool, Scooby-Doo
9.05am Wishart
9.25am ITV News
9.30am Saturday Morning with James Martin
11.20am The Hungry Sailors

12.20pm Countrywise
12.50pm ITV Lunchtime News
1.00pm Dancing on Ice
1.25pm Celebrity Catchphrase
4.00pm Tipping Point
5.00pm The Chase

6.00pm ITV News London
6.05pm ITV News
6.20pm You've Been Framed!
6.45pm Take Me Out
8.00pm The Voice UK
9.30pm Through the Keyhole
10.30pm ITV News
12.15am Jackpot247
3.00am Babushka
3.50am ITV Nightscreen
6.00am Sooty
6.10am Bottom Knocker Street
6.20am Bottom Knocker Street

Channel 4

9.00pm
Sicario

7.15am King of Queens
7.40am Everybody Loves Raymond
9.05am Frasier
10.35am The Big Bang Theory

12.00pm The Simpsons
12.30pm The Simpsons
1.00pm The Simpsons
1.25pm Come Dine with Me
2.25pm Coast v Country
3.25pm A Place in the Sun
4.30pm A Place in the Sun
5.30pm The Secret Life of the Zoo
6.30pm Channel 4 News
7.00pm Great Canal Journeys
8.00pm Village of the Year

9.00pm Sicario
11.25pm Salt
1.10am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
2.05am The Lie Detective
2.45am Hollyoaks Omnibus
4.50am The Autistic Gardener
5.45am Draw it!
6.10am Jamie's Comfort Food
6.20am King of Queens
6.45am King of Queens

Channel 5

6.05pm
The Wonderful World of Puppies

9.45am Peppa Pig
10.05am Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
10.40am Pets Make You Laugh
11.05am Police Interceptors

12.05pm Police Interceptors: The Fatal Four
1.05pm The A-Team
2.05pm The A-Team
3.10pm Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords
4.10pm Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords
5.10pm Rich House, Poor House

6.05pm The Wonderful World of Puppies
7.00pm Greatest Celebrity Wind-Ups Ever!
8.00pm Blind Date
9.00pm Football on 5
9.55pm Football on 5
10.25pm Celebrity Big Brother
11.30pm The X Files
12.15am Super Casino
3.10am GPs: Behind Closed Doors
4.00am Get Your Tatts Out: Kavos Ink
4.45am House Doctor
5.10am Wildlife SOS

Sunday January 21st

TOP TV

MORNING

AFTERNOON

EVENING

BBC 1

9.00pm
McMafia

6.00am Breakfast
7.30am Match of the Day
9.00am The Andrew Marr Show
10.00am The Big Questions
11.00am Sunday Politics

12.15pm Bargain Hunt
1.00pm BBC News
1.15pm Money for Nothing
2.15pm Escape to the Country
3.15pm Lifeline
3.25pm Big Cats
4.25pm Songs of Praise
5.00pm The Coronation

6.00pm BBC News
6.20pm Regional News and Weather

6.30pm Countryfile
7.30pm Still Open All Hours
8.00pm Call the Midwife
9.00pm McMafia
10.00pm BBC News
10.20pm Regional News and Weather
10.30pm Match of the Day 2
11.20pm Man Like Mobeen
11.40pm Man Like Mobeen
12.05am Weather for the Week Ahead
12.10am BBC News
6.00am Breakfast

BBC 2

5.15pm
Ski Sunday

7.20am Gardeners' World
7.50am Greatest Gardens
8.20am Monty Don's Paradise Gardens
9.20am Countryfile
10.15am Saturday Kitchen Best Bites
11.45am Food and Drink

12.15pm MOTD2 Extra
1.00pm Masters Snooker
5.15pm Ski Sunday

6.00pm Tennis
7.00pm Masters Snooker
11.00pm The Mash Report
11.30pm Insert Name Here
12.00am All Good Things
1.35am Good Morning Karachi
3.00am Question Time
4.00am Holby City
4.55am This is BBC Two
6.00am Flog it! Trade Secrets
6.30am The Farmers' Country Showdown

ITV

8.10pm
Vera

9.05am Wishart
9.25am ITV News
9.30am River Monsters
10.00am Peston on Sunday
11.00am The Martin Lewis Money Show
11.25am The Voice UK

12.55pm ITV Lunchtime News
1.00pm Best Walks with a View with Julia Bradbury
1.30pm Britain's Brightest Family
2.00pm The Cruise
2.30pm Kindergarten Cop
4.35pm ITV News London
4.45pm ITV News
5.00pm The Chase: Celebrity Special

6.00pm Dancing on Ice
8.10pm Vera
10.10pm ITV News
10.25pm Peston on Sunday
11.25pm Next of Kin
12.20am Great Art
1.10am Jackpot247
3.00am Sunday Night at the Palladium
3.50am ITV Nightscreen
5.05am The Jeremy Kyle Show
6.00am Good Morning Britain

Channel 4

8.00pm
The Biggest Little Railway in the World

7.10am Everybody Loves Raymond
8.00am Frasier
9.30am Sunday Brunch

12.30pm Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast
1.30pm The Simpsons
2.00pm The Simpsons
2.30pm The Simpsons
3.00pm Capture the Flag
4.50pm Aladdin

6.35pm Channel 4 News
7.00pm Posh Pawn
8.00pm The Biggest Little Railway in the World
9.00pm SAS: Who Dares Wins
10.00pm 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown
10.55pm Season of the Witch
12.45am Obsessive Compulsive Cleaners
1.40am The Lie Detective
2.25am Grand Designs
3.20am KOTV Boxing Weekly
4.15am Coast v Country
4.45am Coast v Country

Channel 5

6.00pm
Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves

9.15am Shimmer and Shine
9.30am Digby Dragon
9.40am Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
10.15am Football on 5
11.10am Football on 5
11.45am Police Interceptors

12.45pm Pixels
2.35pm Big Daddy
4.20pm Mr. Deeds
5.20pm Five News Update
5.25pm Mr. Deeds

6.00pm Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves
7.00pm Five News Update
7.05pm Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves
8.55pm 5 News Weekend
9.00pm Celebrity Big Brother
10.00pm Life as We Know it
12.15am That's My Boy
2.15am Super Casino
3.10am GPs: Behind Closed Doors
4.00am Get Your Tatts Out: Kavos Ink
4.45am House Doctor
5.10am Wildlife SOS
5.35am Divine Designs
6.00am Puffin Rock

Monday January 22nd

TOP TV

MORNING

AFTERNOON

EVENING

BBC 1

9.00pm
Silent Witness

9.15am Rip Off Britain
10.00am Homes Under the Hammer
11.00am Wanted Down Under
11.45am AI: Britain's Longest Road

12.15pm Bargain Hunt
1.00pm BBC News at One
1.30pm Regional News and Weather
1.45pm Doctors
2.15pm Father Brown
3.00pm Escape to the Country
3.45pm The Farmers' Country Showdown
4.30pm Antiques Road Trip
5.15pm Pointless

6.00pm BBC News at Six
6.30pm Regional News and Weather
7.00pm The One Show
7.30pm Inside Out
8.00pm EastEnders
8.30pm Panorama
9.00pm Silent Witness
10.00pm BBC News at Ten
10.30pm Regional News and Weather
10.45pm Have I Got Old News for You
11.15pm New Tricks
12.15am The Graham Norton Show
1.00am Weather for the Week Ahead
1.05am BBC News

BBC 2

7.00pm
Amazing Hotels:
Life Beyond
the Lobby

7.15am Antiques Road Trip
8.00am Antiques Roadshow
9.00am Victoria Derbyshire
11.00am BBC Newsroom Live

12.00pm The Daily Politics
1.00pm Bowls
4.45pm Tennis
5.30pm Flog It!

6.00pm Eggheads
6.30pm Great American Railroad Journeys
7.00pm Amazing Hotels: Life Beyond the Lobby
8.00pm Only Connect
8.30pm University Challenge
9.00pm Surgeons: At the Edge of Life
10.00pm Insert Name Here
10.30pm Newsnight
11.15pm Millionaires' Ex-Wives Club
12.15am Bowls
1.15am Countryfile
2.10am Big Cats

ITV

9.00pm
Next of Kin

8.30am Lorraine
9.25am The Jeremy Kyle Show
10.30am This Morning

12.30pm Loose Women
1.30pm ITV Lunchtime News
1.55pm ITV News London
2.00pm Judge Rinder
3.00pm Dickinson's Real Deal
4.00pm Tipping Point
5.00pm The Chase

6.00pm ITV News London
6.30pm ITV Evening News
7.00pm Emmerdale
7.30pm Coronation Street
8.00pm The Martin Lewis Money Show
8.30pm Coronation Street
9.00pm Next of Kin
10.00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather
10.30pm ITV News London
10.45pm Britain's Favourite Dogs: Top 100
1.00am Jackpot247
3.00am The Jeremy Kyle Show
3.55am ITV Nightscreen

Channel 4

10.00pm First
Dates Hotel

7.10am 3rd Rock from the Sun
7.35am Everybody Loves Raymond
8.30am Frasier
10.05am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
11.00am Sun, Sea and Selling Houses

12.00pm Channel 4 News
12.05pm Couples Come Dine with Me
1.05pm Posh Pawn
2.10pm Countdown
3.00pm Village of the Year
4.00pm A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun
5.00pm Four in a Bed
5.30pm Extreme Cake Makers

6.00pm The Simpsons
6.30pm Hollyoaks
7.00pm Channel 4 News
7.30pm Dispatches
8.00pm How to Lose Weight Well
9.00pm The Undateables
10.00pm First Dates Hotel
11.05pm Derry Girls
11.40pm Hunted
12.40am SAS: Who Dares Wins
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1.45pm Doctors
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3.00pm Escape to the Country
3.45pm The Farmers' Country Showdown
4.30pm Antiques Road Trip
5.15pm Pointless

6.00pm BBC News at Six
6.30pm Regional News and Weather
7.00pm The One Show
7.30pm EastEnders
8.00pm Holby City
9.00pm Silent Witness
10.00pm BBC News at Ten
10.30pm Regional News and Weather
10.45pm Love and Hate Crime
11.45pm Stacey Dooley Investigates
12.45am Weather for the Week Ahead
12.50am BBC News
6.00am Breakfast

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7.15am Antiques Road Trip
8.00am Celebrity Antiques Road Trip
9.00am Victoria Derbyshire
11.00am BBC Newsroom Live

12.00pm The Daily Politics
1.00pm Bowls
4.45pm Tennis
5.30pm Flog It!

6.00pm Eggheads
6.30pm Great American Railroad Journeys
7.00pm Amazing Hotels: Life Beyond the Lobby
8.00pm Sue Perkins and the Chimp Sanctuary
9.00pm House of Saud: A Family at War
10.00pm Inside No 9
10.30pm Newsnight
11.15pm NFL
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1.05am Surgeons: At the Edge of Life
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8.30am Lorraine
9.25am The Jeremy Kyle Show
10.30am This Morning

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1.30pm ITV Lunchtime News
1.55pm ITV News London
2.00pm Judge Rinder
3.00pm Dickinson's Real Deal
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6.30pm ITV Evening News
7.00pm Emmerdale
7.30pm The National Television Awards 2018
10.00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather
10.35pm ITV News London
10.50pm Girlfriends
11.50pm Transformation Street
12.40am Jackpot247
3.00am Loose Women
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By **Tony Yates**

Firstly, I may have already told you this, but I have always loved the little Ibiza, mainly because not only did I used to own one in FR trim - but also because for me it's just a brilliant little hot hatch. There you go, review done!

Ok, not quite. Although, if you just happen to be looking for a great car that has everything thrown in for a decent price - then look no further than the Seat Ibiza FR.

So, let's quickly move on with this week's review of the newly updated Ibiza FR before I give up and decide to go out for a drive instead.

Power & efficiency

The Ibiza FR I currently have on test is powered by a 95PS, 1.0 TSi petrol engine with a 5-speed manual gearbox and a respectable top speed of around 113mph. It also has no less than 175Nm of torque, plus a 0-62 time of 10.9 seconds. Fuel consumption is also very good. Without going economy

crazy, I did manage a combined figure of around 50mpg.

On the road

I like the way the Ibiza handles - it feels well balanced, and so it should as its designed to be a proper little hot hatch. Also, when the road gets twisty it's more than capable of holding its own. The steering also feels light and agile. It's no exaggeration for me to say that I think the new Ibiza is a proper little racer.

Yes, 95PS is not a lot, but it feels fun to drive and it sticks firmly to the road ahead which has always been the case with the Ibiza. To be honest, I was a little worried that it may have lost some of its fun factors, but I needn't have worried - because it's just as much fun as it's always been.

Equipment, safety & technology

Inside: As with all Seat's, the interior is of a good standard - but, as I



have said many times, Seat is a part of VW group, so it will last till the end of time. The seating does feel a tad hard but it was in FR trim so it's a little sportier. But, saying that, even after

a long journey I still felt very relaxed. As for all the dials and switches - they are laid out very well and nothing looks awkwardly out of place or fussy.

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Emily nets top scorer accolade

By Owen Hughes

A FORMER Basingstoke Junior Bison finished top scorer for Great Britain at last week's Under 18 Women's World Championship in Poland.

Forward Emily Harris, 15, from Odiham, scored twice and recorded two assists in Britain's five games at the international ice hockey championship, earning 'player of the game' in a 4-1 defeat to China.

The six-team tournament in Katowice came to a close on Friday with Britain losing 2-0 to the host nation to end the U18 World Championship Division 1 Group B in fifth place.

Britain lost their opening fixture as Denmark ran riot over the young side winning 6-1, with Harris scoring GB's only goal in the third period.

Top seeds France put two past Britain without reply in the second game of the tournament before Harris contributed a goal and two assists in a 5-1 win over Australia.

The loss to China meant GB needed a regulation-time victory over Poland for any chance of a bronze medal finish, but it was not to be.

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Great Britain women's head coach Cheryl Smith said: "Emily is a fantastic player with an abundance of skill."

"What is great about her is that she is very eager to learn. She listens and takes everything on board. The future is very promising for her."

The teenager also joined the U18 squad for the event in Poland last year where the then 14-year-old was voted 'Great Britain Player of the Tournament' by the GB Supporters Club.

Emily's mum Michele Gulrajani said she was "very proud" of her daughter who "worked incredibly hard" in Poland.

Michele said: "Emily started figure skating at seven years old but as soon as she saw the beginners ice hockey in Basingstoke at the other end of the ice, she decided that was much more for her."

At the age of 10 she started playing for U16 girls' team Bracknell Ice Bees, alongside playing for Bison.

She stopped playing for Bison at the end of last season to concentrate on playing field hockey for England.



Sport Bites

Tadley level at top

FOOTBALL: Tadley Calleva moved top of Wessex Division One with a 5-1 away win over New Milton Town on Saturday.

A brace from both Brett Denham and Sam Hilton with a fifth goal late on courtesy of Darryl Phillips completed the score line as New Milton only managed one in reply.

The win is Tadley's 14th of the season and puts the side from Barlow's Park level with Andover New Street on 45 points at the summit.

Another defeat

RUGBY: Basingstoke Rugby Club continued their miserable form with a 14th straight defeat losing 62-10 at home to league leaders Old Cranleighans.

In contrast with Basingstoke's torrid season, the visitors have managed to win all but one of their games in the London 3 South West.

The result leaves Basingstoke proping up the rest of the division on just two points.

Basingstoke will look to pick up their first win in the league when they visit Battersea Ironsides on Saturday January 27.

And the winner is...

SPORTS AWARDS: Basingstoke RFC Ladies could pick up their first trophy of the season after being short-listed for Senior Team of the Year by Basingstoke Volunteer Sports Council.

Basingstoke Bluefins Masters, Basingstoke Kickboxing, Basingstoke Hockey Club Ladies, Basingstoke School of Martial Arts, Su-Ha-Ri Karate School and Basingstoke Wolverines (Queens Cheerleading) have also been nominated.

A panel of judges will decide which of the seven teams will walk away with the trophy at the Apollo Awards night on February 23.

Trip to the coast

ICE HOCKEY: A daunting trip to third place Solent Devils awaits Basingstoke Buffalo when they return to action in the NIHL South 2.

The Buffs have not played since conceding in overtime to lose 6-5 at Haringey Huskies in their first fixture of the year.

The side are without a win since November and will be hoping for a change in fortune when they journey to the south coast on Saturday.

Row mark back-to-back wins amid new players optimism

HARTLEY Wintney continued their flying start to 2018 with three league wins in a row.

The Row left it late to take all three points in a 2-1 win over Ashford on Tuesday as Rowan Vine bagged his second in the dying embers of the game.

Five goals were disallowed for offside over the 90 minutes, but it was Ashford who took the lead before Vine

equalised prior to the referee's half time whistle.

The Hampshire club repeated their weekend heroics as Vine popped up again to head his side in front with minutes to spare.

The club twice came from behind in West London on Saturday to win 4-2 in the Evo-Stik South East.

Hartley started sluggishly against Hanwell Town, conceding on 16 min-

utes when loose play let Harvey Killean gain possession before rounding keeper Paul Strudley to slot the ball into the back of the net.

Vine was again on the score sheet alongside Paul Hodges, Liam Eagle and a returning Jake Baxter, on as a second half sub.

Co-manager Dan Brownlie said after the match: "We were pleased to get in at half time level."

"But we played with more energy in the second half and that in turn brought quality and ultimately the result."

He added that it was "good news to get Jake Baxter back on Friday," and that the club are "optimistic of further additions to our squad in the very near future."

The Row welcome Thame United on Saturday.

Collard hopes to be fighting at the front this season

EVERSLEY driver Rob Collard will race again for Team BMW in 2018 as he aims for his maiden drivers' title.

The 49-year-old, who heads into his ninth consecutive season with West Surrey Racing, managed fifth in last year's title race.

He claimed a victory at his home circuit Thruxton and six further podiums before his title challenge was derailed by a heavy crash at Silverstone, ruling him out of the final five races.

Aiming high, Collard said: "Had I not missed the final five races, I'm certain I would have been in with a

very strong chance of being champion."

"I'm fully recovered, have been training hard and can't wait to get back behind the wheel of the BMW."

"The drivers' championship is my goal for 2018, and with the team continuing to evolve the car, I'm confident of fighting at the front."

Collard and team-mate Colin Turkington claimed 20 podium finishes in their BMW 125i M Sports, claiming two of the three major titles in the series: the manufacturers-constructors' winners and teams champions.

Last year was Collard's most successful to date as he scored points

in the first 21 races and podiums at the opening six events; achievements unmatched by any other driver.

Collard and Turkington will, as in 2017, be joined by Andrew Jordan in a third 125i M Sport, which will be run under BMW Pirtek Racing.

The 2018 campaign gets off to a racing start at Brands Hatch on April 7 and 8.

Rob Collard, left, poses with team-mate Colin Turkington beside the new BMW car. Picture: btcc.co.uk



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Inside: Young ice hockey star nets accolade | Collard raring to go as season looms | Hartley continue strong start to new year

Brown berates defence after 'Stoke let in four goals again

By George Welch

TERRY Brown has demanded more from his Basingstoke Town defenders after the Dragons suffered further woes on their travels.

'Stoke lost 4-1 at Chesham United on Saturday as they recorded a sorry 11th away defeat of the season – the joint second most in the Southern Premier division.

Brown's side were unlucky in that they hit the bar four times but, at the other end, four goals were leaked for the second successive away game.

A frustrated Brown said: "The difference between the two sides is that we hit the bar four times and they scored with their first attack of the second half after some absolutely abysmal defending.

"I'm not pleased with any of the back four.

"What disappointed me was that it was a hoof up the park and we had two centre halves back there who didn't defend it properly."

He added: "It's a cliché, but goals change games, there's no doubt about that.

"What is a problem is our inability to keep enough clean sheets."

Indeed, while Basingstoke have scored more than league leaders King's Lynn Town, their porous backline has only kept eight clean sheets in 28 league games.

Sloppy defensive play meant Basingstoke found themselves a goal down when an Oran Swales volley from the edge of the area pinged in off the crossbar on 12 minutes.

A second was not far behind when Shane Bush doubled the Buckinghamshire side's advantage eight minutes later.

Callum Bunting headed against the woodwork only for Sam Argent to repeat the feat with a volley on the rebound, before the Generals punished 'Stoke by adding a third on 39 minutes.

Bunting eventually found the net on 68 minutes when the Chesham keeper could only push Bennett's free kick into the attacker's path.

The tie was over when Bush slotted home his second of the game to complete the rout four minutes later.

However, Brown was pleased with the effort his players put in.

He said: "I'm so pleased with the work rate and some of the football we played and some of the chances we created.

"I'm dumbfounded that we only scored one goal – we should have scored five or six."

'Stoke's home game against Stratford on Tuesday was postponed due to a waterlogged pitch.

They make the trip to play-off chasers Banbury United on Saturday.



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